

MINUTES OF THE WALDO WATER & SEWER UTILITY BOARD
MONDAY, MAY 10, 2021
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Gary Dekker. Trustees physically present were Gary Dekker, Jerry Hammarlund, Steve Bunnow, and Mike Hintz. In attendance via remote “Zoom” technology, was Trustee Mark Spitz. (He participated in voting by raising his hands for “yes” and a “thumbs down” for “no”. He also participated verbally as he was able. Also in attendance were John VanEss, Michelle Brecht, Jenny Bunnow and Bruce Neerhof.
2. Certification of the meeting being in compliance with the Open Meetings Law was present and confirmed.
3. Minutes of the April 12, 2021 meeting were approved after a motion by Jerry Hammarlund and a second by Mike Hintz.
4. Bruce Neerhof shared lab reports and utility operations updates. They included the following items:
 - A report with graphs showed that permit levels were met.
 - The first round of lead and copper samples passed. Hawkins chemical representative has given him some advice on chlorine levels that may help to avoid anomaly sampling.
 - The sand filters at the Treatment Plant were flushed.
 - He is pursuing a mixer installation for the influent wet-well in hopes of better distribution of the phosphorus chemicals.
 - PSC report has been filed. The accountant shared that we only had a 5% water loss. This is particularly good.
 - Mercury.net has been reminded about the proper easement access to the Water Tower.
 - The annual Consumer Confidence Report on the Water Quality in Waldo has been filed. The report will be properly posted and noticed by the clerk.
 - The accountant, Dave Hamann, shared that the sewer debt ratio dropped in 2020 from the required 110% to just over 98%. Michelle was asked to supply more explanation of this. She shared that it is a requirement of our loan. She attempted to explain that there were more repairs and maintenance costs and sewer chemical costs in 2020 that caused our sewer income to sewer expense ratio to fall below the requirement. She had to email the Department of Administration an explanation. If it were to fall like this repeatedly, they would ask us to raise our sewer rates. It was confusing to understand seeing as our total fund balance is very generous. The Board asked her to request Dave to come to the June meeting and give a better explanation and an overview of all the finances. (Of note: Mr. Hamann has agreed to come in June.)
5. Vouchers #8881-#8891 for a total of \$12,471.99 were reviewed. Motion to approve vouchers #8881-#8891 was made by Mike Hintz and seconded by Jerry Hammarlund. Approved
The Treasurer’s Report included the 2020 Balance Sheet & 2020 Profit/Loss Report prepared by the accountant, explanations of how two different monthly invoices are allocated, and the monthly overview of the Utility Billing Report and Account Balances. Motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report was made by Mike Hintz and seconded by Jerry Hammarlund. Approved.
6. Correspondence was a thank you note by a resident “For the clean water!”.
7. There were no updates from the Board.
8. There were no public comments.
9. Motion to adjourn was made by Jerry Hammarlund. Seconded by Steve Bunnow. Adjourned at 8:03 p.m.